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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/S&T/Plans & Programs

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Review of FY 1967 Budget in Relation to
CIA Long Range Plan

REFERENCE : [REDACTED]

1. The CIA Long Range Plan as it pertains to OSA requires action in two main areas:

a. Overflight reconnaissance of denied territory to collect intelligence.

b. Development of sensors to meet collection requirements.

2. The projected FY 67 personnel ceiling of [REDACTED] and the budget limit of [REDACTED] will enable OSA to continue its present collection capability and its limited support of development work. There will be little chance to improve support for existing collection vehicles, sensors or systems beyond that which is required for immediate and pressing needs.

3. With OSA assets, both personnel and money, being directed by necessity toward response to fairly short-range goals, the FY 67 budget and personnel ceilings prohibit aggressive investigation and development of sorely needed replacements for vehicles and sensor systems. The essence of success in collecting intelligence by overflight sensor systems is to anticipate, develop and have in being the means to do the job in the face of inevitable technological advances by the opposition. FY 67 should lay the foundation for the FY 69-72 readiness to respond effectively to the demands of the intelligence community.

4. Reduction of the ceilings in paragraph two, particularly in personnel, would most seriously affect the OXCART operational capability.

OXCART/IDEALIST/ISINGLASS

Handle via [REDACTED]

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5. For DD/SAT planning information and not intended for specific reply to the referenced paper, there are several items to be considered in FY 67 and later:

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a. OSA is in need of independent R&D funds of approximately [redacted] in the very near future to search out new and better means to keep the Agency in the best position to collect intelligence data by overflight reconnaissance in the 1968-1970 time period. This sum will be required just to keep up with relatively apparent needs such as defensive systems, product improvement and sensor improvement.

b. ISINGLASS should have been started in FY 66 to be able to respond in FY 70. Some adequate capability in the hypersonic range must be in being before OXCART becomes so restricted in its operational sphere that the Agency is totally denied access to even a small segment of intelligence information.

c. As a matter of practical efficiency, the collection program should have alternative means by which to collect data. In this respect, OSA plans to use a family of mutually supporting capabilities so that the appropriate sensor is employed in an economical manner. As IDEALIST is denied certain areas, OXCART may assume more tasks. At the same time, IDEALIST may be incapable of certain tasks or it may be uneconomical to use the U-2.

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[redacted] To use these complementary capabilities will require funds and personnel.

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d. Even with stringent controls over present funds, OSA will probably exceed the FY 66 allocation due primarily to unbudgeted BLACK SHIELD requirements. This is a sure indication the FY 67 will

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need some ceiling relief if we are to improve our present capability or we assume additional tasks.

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